According to the information furnished by the university Grants Commission (UGC), no proposal has been received by the UGC for setting up of National Centre to Study Natural Calamities and Disaster.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Classical music from AIR, Bangalore

524. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangalore AIR music channel has joined the DTH platform;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure availability of classical music round the clock from Bangalore AIR through DTH?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) DTH platform of Doordarshan, whose capacity is under expansion, presently does not have spare capacity to carry additional channels. This will enable AIR to broadcast two new Classical Music Channels, one each for Hindustani and Karnatic Music "Amrutha Varshini", the Bangalore Classical Music Channel, is proposed as a part of the new Karnatic Classical Music Channel.

Income from private cable network companies

525. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The income generated by Government from various private cable network companies during the last one year;

(b) whether Government have any monitoring agency to check and inspect the *modus operandi* of these cable network work companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No separate statistics on the total amounts received from various private cable network organizations in the country are centrally maintained.

(b) to (e) The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act. 1995, contains provisions to regulate the operation of cable television networks in the country and for matters connected there with or incidental thereto. The cable operators are required to conform to the provisions of the said Act in their operations. There are no legal provisions in the said Act or the Rules framed thereunder to regulate the issue of earnings by a Cable Operator. However, the Tariff Orders issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) from time to time under the relevant provisions of TRAI Act would have impact on the overall earnings of the cable operators.

Vigilance Committee to Monitor Programmes

†526. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a proposal to constitute a Vigilance Committee at district level for monitoring programmes being telecast on cable channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Vigilance Committees have also been given the right to punish the guilty persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) In order to strengthen the existing mechanism of regulation of TV content, the Government has issued an order requesting State Governments to constitute Monitoring Committees at State/district levels to look into violations of the Programme and Advertising Codes. All programmes transmitted/retransmitted through the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.